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I am writing to express my opposition to Court Rule No 2003-47. My family is a victim of the asbestos industry's negligence in protecting workers from the dangerous of exposure to asbestos products. Like many working class families we immigrated to the United States shortly after World War II, seeking to pursue the American Dream. My father worked in the construction trades and literally helped to build this country during the post-war boom of the fifties and sixties. His reward- asbestos related illness. I firmly believe that Court Rule No 2003-47 would deny him and others like him the opportunity to address the wrongdoings of the asbestos industry through the system of justice guaranteed by our Constitution. How can the Michigan Supreme Court even consider taking action that would in effect deny victims the right to a jury trial?! Changes in the law come through the legislative process, not through Court decisions! Unlike those fortunate enough to have been born in this country, our family voluntarily became United States citizens so that we could enjoy the freedoms and protection that this country provides. Perhaps because of this we cherish the traditions and process that unfortunately too many take for granted. Please do not take this away from us. We have sacrificed too much and have done so willingly, for this great country. We responded to President Kennedy's call to..."ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country". Over the years we have done much for our country. We are not asking for our country to make special considerations for our plight, as the asbestos industry is apparently doing. We merely ask that our country continue to govern us through the rule of law and not circumvent well-established processes. We therefore ask that you not adopt Court Rule No 2003-47.

Thank you,

Victor Manzon